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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Chair House Appropriations Committee U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger Ranking Member House Appropriations Committee U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger,

I am requesting funding for Biopolymers Lab Renovation in fiscal year 2023.

The entity to receive funding for this project is The University of Utah, located at 201 South Presidents Circle, Salt Lake City, UT 84112.

The proposed funding will be used to remodeling outdated space on the University of Utah campus for Biopolymers Research Building (BPRB). The proposed remodeling will transform the infrastructure needed to support state of the art neuroscience research, ranging from facilities for imaging, recording brain activity and studying behavior to chemical biology laboratories that can pioneer treatments for debilitating neurological diseases. This renovation will provide a scientific hub for trainees to prepare them to for positions in the life science industries.

This project is a good use of taxpayer dollars because of the potential improvements in public health. Biopolymer research will support unparalleled opportunities for tackling a range of devastating conditions impacting the brain, related to brain aging, neurodegeneration, and other brain disorders.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in the project.

Sincerely,

**Chris Stewart** 

Member of Congress